

## 2.2.13 SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES

Special status species are those plants and animals that fall into one of the following categories:

- Listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- Proposed for listing by FWS
- Identified as a candidate species for listing by FWS.
- On the Species of Concern List provided by FWS for the planning area.
- On the Nevada BLM Species of Concern list.

Special status designations are assigned for many reasons, including limited distributions, habitat losses, population declines, or a combination of these factors.



### Objective

To manage habitats and populations of special status plant taxa and animal species to meet the standards for “secure” ranking within 10 years. Any new listing of threatened or endangered species will require consultation with FWS.

### Special Status Species Management

SSS-1: Existing and future biological opinions, recovery plans and other cooperatively developed agreements designed to conserve and recover special status species will guide management actions in habitats of those species.

Note: There are currently two recovery plans for the Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT) and the rare species of Soldier Meadows and one multi-agency memorandum on LCT management that involve lands within the planning area.

SSS-2: Actions and stipulations necessary to protect special status species and their habitats will be made in authorization and actions that occur during RMP implementation.

Note: The objectives and decisions associated with the Land Health Standards, Special Designations, Wilderness, Vegetation, Livestock and Wild Horse and Burro sections of this RMP also support the conservation and recovery of special status populations and habitats.